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EDUCATION

Continuing education enrolment has increased 21 per cent. See story on Page 3.

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Diane Eller, wife of Niagara College instructor Ken Eller, is training for triathlon World Championships. See photo and story on Page 7.

SPORTS

Men's basketball team loses games to Cambrian and St. Lawrence Colleges last weekend. See photo and story on Page 10.

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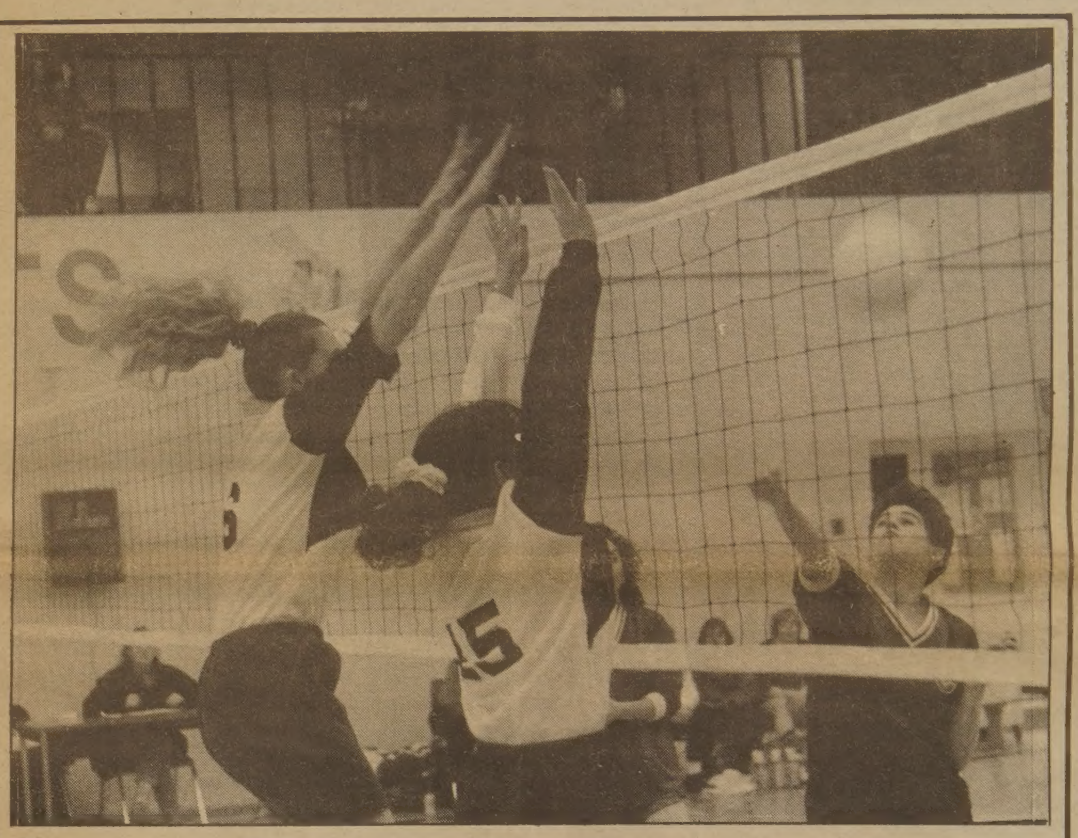


In your face!

Donnell Stayzer (#16) left, and Jennifer MacMillan (#15), get set to block a shot from a Conestoga College player in women's volleyball action on Tuesday night. Niagara won the match three games to one. See story on page 11.

Photo by Frank Iudiciani

Angry students organize protest

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY and TROY CLARKE
Staff Writers

Niagara College students are expected to hold a protest today in front of the Learning Resource Centre over administration's proposed 36-week academic term.

Stuart McDonald, a first-year Journalism-Print program student and organizer of the protest, is expected to address students.

About three-quarters of students responding, in a recent Student Administrative Council survey, would transfer to another college if the school year is changed to 36 weeks.

At a press conference Tuesday, Dale Deloughery, SAC president, presented the survey results and offered alternatives to college administrators.

According to the survey, 73 per cent of the 611 students surveyed, said they would switch colleges next year; however, from the 4,500 students attending the college, 2,000 are in their final year. The survey did not ask how many students are in their final year.

Deloughery suggested implementing two 14-week terms and a seven-week optional term for students wishing to fast track, or three 14-week terms which would keep the school operational for a longer period of time, and developing a local union agreement with full-time faculty allowing them to work one or two more hours a week.

"We are preparing the budget for 1993-94 right now . . . proposals need to be reflected in the budget," said David Schleich, vice-president academic.

Students have voiced opposition to the proposal for two 18-week semesters, which would run September to the end of January, with a two-week Christmas break, and February to the beginning of June.

Deloughery said 95 per cent of students believe the loss of four weeks of summer earnings will jeopardize their financial status while attending school.

"This change would put our students even further behind the eight ball. We would be forced to compete with thousands of area students in the job market," he said.

President John Saso is scheduled to make a final decision Feb. 22.

Student governor needed soon

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

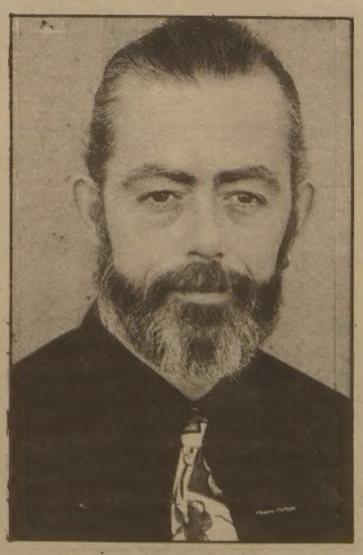
Any students concerned with the way the college is being run and who have ideas of their own, here's your chance.

Anyone interested in being student governor, a voting position on the Board of Governors, will have to have time management skills and be an empathetic, non-biased contributor, said Carl Jones, 35, the 1992-93 student governor.

But, despite the increased workload, special meetings and luncheons, the role of student governor is a "rewarding, worthwhile experience: An opportunity to grow," Jones said.

The Board of Governors sets the policy at the college.

"They are concerned with a number of issues. Not only where the college is today, but where the college will be tomorrow."



CARL JONES.

Because the board makes decisions that affect what the students receive, it is important that there is a student on the board.

And not only is it "critical" to the students, it is also "important" to the board, Jones said.

"It's important to the administration and the board because they need to hear from students because students are the customers."

Jones said his role was to bring the students' perspective to the board.

"I had to be aware of the issues and know how the student population perceived these issues."

Jones said his position will help him in the future.

"There are lots of non-profit organizations looking for board members who understand the format of a board."

He said the position allowed him to meet people from "all walks of life," as well as gave him an opportunity to learn what a board is, what it does and its importance.

He said being a board member improved his communication skills,

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Crime Stoppers underway board of directors sought

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College Crime Stopper unit's first official meeting on Tuesday focused on establishing a board of directors and involving programs in addition to Law and Security Administration. The unit is the first in an Ontario community college.

Heather Hodgson, unit co-ordinator, and Dave Rapelje, chairman of the board, stressed the need for involvement from other programs. Both are instructors in the Law and Security Administration program.

"We have to include other programs or it won't work," said Hodgson.

So far only LASA students have volunteered to work with the unit.

The board is trying to establish a phone number separate from the college's. All board applicants, three are still needed, will be screened to ensure no one with a criminal record sits on the board.

The college's Crime Stoppers unit will aim at preventing crime. Crime Stoppers, which originated in New Mexico in 1976, is a community partnership program involving police, media and private citizens, promoting heightened crime awareness and possibly prosecution of the accused. A cash reward of up to $200 could be available for information leading to an arrest.

Historical meeting

Niagara College makes history as the first Ontario community college unit of Crime Stoppers holds its first board of directors meeting Tuesday. Front row from left, Heather Hodgson, co-ordinator, Neil McGregor, administrative representative, and Dave Rapelje, chairman. Second row from left, Cheryl Colyn, secretary, and Matt Dobrindt, vice-chair. Other students are from the Law and Security Administration program vying for other board positions.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Theory put into practice in Niagara's unique program

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Described as the first of its kind in Ontario, a unique waste management co-ordinator program is being offered at the St. Catharines campus of Niagara College.

The program is sponsored by Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation (NITAC).

The program is unique because it combines management expertise with technical training in the environmental/management field. It is an adult-training course which requires a college or university degree or five years of work experience as a prerequisite.

"It's very interesting," said Ken Parker, a student in the program. "There are some drier parts of it, but for the most part, it's a pretty worthwhile program."

The program lasts nine months and is divided into two terms. Participants can take a wide range of courses within the program, such as environmental laws and regulations, energy management and industrial communications.

"We're touching on every level of the environmental business," Parker said. "From laws to how to speak properly in say a board meeting."

A six-week work term allows the class to go into industry and get hands-on experience.

'We're touching on every level of the environmental business.'

"That's what we've been working towards," said Nancy Warren, another student in the program. "Learning enough so we can go in and handle ourselves effectively in a workplace," she added.

Along with class lectures, there are field trips planned to waste treatment plants, sewage treatment plants and landfills. One field trip consisted of the class doing a waste audit of garbage from a Hamilton company.

"It was rather disgusting," Warren said.

The class categorized and weighed waste to determine how much waste (cardboard, steel) was being produced.

"We found a lot of gloves and there's no reason for them to be thrown out," Warren said. "We can make recommendations to the company and say maybe you can change your procedure around. You won't be throwing out this therefore you're not paying to dispose of it."

The Waste Management Co-ordinator program is a prototype to an Environmental Management program proposed to start next year. It is designed to provide concentrated skills to implement and manage a wide range of environmental initiatives.

Kiss the Flame

By Heather D. Hodgson
Law and Security Administration Program
Special to Niagara News

Impaired operation of a motor vehicle applies to any vehicle that is motorized, on land, water or in the air. This includes: rides on tractors, skidoos, seadoos, A.T.V.s, boats, airplanes, as well as the more conventional cars and trucks. This offence can be committed ANYWHERE, even your own back yard.

Impaired operation merely means that a person has ingested alcohol, or any other drugs, in such a quantity that it affects your ability to operate a motor vehicle. In other words, the quality of your operation, not the quantity of alcohol consumed is the key point. You may be under the legal limit for alcohol in your blood, yet your ability may still be impaired. Alcohol and other drugs affect different people in different ways. For some people, one alcoholic beverage may be too much.

Impaired care or control applies the same principle: quality of your operation as opposed to the quantity of alcohol. In this case, the engine does not have to be running, in fact, the motor vehicle does not have to be operational for the driver to be charged for the offence.

Excess blood alcohol means that you have more than 0.08 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of your blood. This is determined by a breathalyser or a blood test. In contrast to the impaired offence, the key point here is the amount of alcohol in your blood. You may not be showing any signs of impairment, but, if you have excess alcohol in your blood, you are committing an offence.

Refuse Breath Sample is another common offence. If you are arrested for impaired operation, the officer will demand that you provide samples of your breath for analysis. When given a demand to provide samples of your breath, to decline is an offence: refuse breathalyser or refuse screening device test. A screening device is the portable unit used in the RIDE checks. It is a yard stick to measure how much alcohol is in your blood. In this case, you would not need to be showing any signs of impairment, alcohol on your breath while you are operating a motor vehicle is sufficient for a demand to be made. If you fail the screening device, you are arrested and returned to the police station for breathalyser tests.

Anyone who has more than 0.05 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of their blood will have their licence suspended for 12 hours. In addition, anyone charged with impaired operation will have the same suspension. If you are arrested, the vehicle that you are operating will be seized. You will pay for towing and storage.

There are many consequences. A criminal conviction can affect the type of career you may enter or even your ability to cross the border. Your insurance fees will increase at least 100 per cent and remain high for five years. Your licence will be suspended by the court and by the Ministry of Transportation for at least a year, perhaps for life. If you are in a collision, the vehicle that you were operating will not be covered by your insurance.

Penalties in court range from (minimum) fines of $500 to 14 years in jail depending upon the offence.

You will also have legal fees for your court appearances. These usually run in the area of $1,000 per court appearance.

In addition you have the cost of transportation while your licence is suspended; lost work time while in court or jail; and if a collision resulted, living with the fact that you killed or injured someone.

Next issue: Who is responsible?

Crime Stoppers seeks suspect in break in

A Cataract City warehouse was broken into in early December 1992. This office-supplies business, Daytimers of Canada Ltd., suffered the loss or destruction of approximately $15,000 in property.

Daytimers is a combination office/warehouse complex, located at 9515 Montrose Rd., near Biggar Road, in Niagara Falls, Ont. It was discovered at 7:30 on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, 1992, that person(s) unknown had gained entry to the premises overnight.

A large, 2 1/2 to 3-foot section of the foyer window, on the southeast corner of the building had been smashed out by the bandit(s) to allow access to the goods inside. Offices upstairs were searched and various items removed, including a petty cash box.

Many items were left demolished by physical abuse, or by having been sprayed by one of the many fire extinguishers torn from the walls. Other rooms, containing computer, telemarketing, accounting equipment and the like, were also forcibly entered, however, it appeared nothing was taken or extensively damaged inside.

Plate glass windows along the entire hallway were smashed, resulting in the greatest amount of damage. In all, an estimated $15,000 worth of property was laid to waste by the culprits responsible for this wanton destruction.

If you can identify any suspect(s), Crime Stoppers would greatly appreciate your help. If you can provide information about this break and enter, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police, in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc., writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

Development of testing centre 'high priority'

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Development of a testing centre at Niagara College is a "high priority," but students without a good reason for missing a test may not get the chance to use it.

David Schleich, vice-president academic, said there will be some testing fees for students, but students who miss tests without a valid reason will not get to rewrite them.

"What we'll probably do is have a practice that precludes those people from having access to testing," he said.

"We will probably be able to dissuade them from doing that just by counselling them and making retesting unavailable, rather than giving them access to it through some kind of fee.

"I'm not talking about people who are ill or disadvantaged by accidents or personal crisis, I'm really just talking about people who don't have a good excuse."

A general testing fee for students who missed tests was to be implemented, but Schleich withdrew his recommendation after students and some faculty protested the idea.

Meanwhile, costs for the centre have not yet been determined, but a task force is examining what facilities and resources the college needs, and how to meet those needs with existing resources.

Schleich said the task force will have all the costs in place by early spring, and if the centre can be built into the 1993-94 budget year, it will be ready for September.

Additional revenue for the centre will be generated from outside agencies or companies that would like to test the equivalency levels of its employees.

"It's appropriate for us to charge them a fee," Schleich said.

Schleich added fees for Niagara College students who write challenge tests or prior learning assessment, but said the task force will determine what those fees will be, if any.

Carol Boettcher, vice-president student life and human resources, said a properly operated testing centre "could help faculty and students when they have an issue that will not allow them to write a test."

"There all kinds of reasons why people can't write tests at a certain time and most of them are legitimate and bonafide," she said.

A location for the centre has not been determined for the Welland Campus, but Schleich said the second floor of the library is a strong possibility. He said the college is looking at similar facilities for the Niagara Falls and St. Catharines campuses

"We have to find a central place that's quiet, convenient, controllable and accessible."

Potential employers may be scared off by workers' compensation board plan

By DARREN ESAU
Staff Writer

For the second time in a month, Niagara Region council has deferred a decision on workers' compensation coverage for Niagara College students on work placement.

Council will meet again Feb. 18 to discuss the issue. Until then, the region, but more specifically individual employers, will continue to pay for the coverage in the case of a student being injured while on the job.

It is feared the new proposal by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) may scare off potential employers who would be left with covering the cost of an injured worker. Until now, the WCB has been liable.

'A crisis has been created,'

-Carol Boettcher, vice-president student life and human resources

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and resources at the college, read a portion of a letter to the WCB expressing disapproval that Ontario colleges have toward the proposal.

"A crisis has been created," she read. "We can't allow any further erosion in training opportunities."

Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson fully supports the college's concerns.

"This resolution should definitely be sent to the board indicating our displeasure," he said.

On Jan. 21, in addressing regional council, Boettcher requested members defer a decision on the issue. She advised them that Niagara College required additional time to explore alternate avenues for insurance coverage.

Healthy enrolment increase in continuing education

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

There has been a 21 per cent increase in enrolment in continuing education at Niagara College. As of early February, there are 6,853 continuing education students, up from last year's total of 5,695 students.

"Even in a tight economy, people are investing in themselves and in their futures," said Foster Zanutto, the college's director of continuing education.

Although not expecting an increase, Zanutto said he was happy to see such a jump and that the situation "is really healthy."

Last year, enrolment in continuing education also increased by about 20 per cent.

Despite the fact about 50 part-time continuing education teachers quit last month, upset with a reduction in pay, all teaching positions have since been filled. Continuing education offers 450 courses a term or 1,500 courses a year. The only courses to be cancelled are because of a lack of interest from students, said Zanutto.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Eric must grow up

Help Wanted! Someone dumb enough to babysit one of hockey's biggest babies.

Eric Lindros, who was fortunate enough to be acquitted of assault charges on Monday, has decided to continue the sad saga by filing a formal complaint against the Durham Regional Police because he believes he was unfairly handcuffed.

Grow up Eric! If you can walk away from a Dave Manson bodycheck than being handcuffed must have been a walk in the park.

But something tells me that his precious little mommy had something to do with him filing the complaint.

Although he's only 19 years old, he has been through more in his life than people four times his age. But he still hasn't realized that his life differs from all other 19 year olds.

Every move the Philadelphia Flyer rookie makes is examined under a microscope by the media. Unfortunately, he has learned this the hard way.

This was supposed to be the year "The Next One" proved his worth in professional hockey. But as of now, the only thing worth mentioning is Lindros' immaturity and habit of getting into off-ice trouble.

Frank Iudiciani

Attitudes need redefining

Times are tough.

A day doesn't go by that you aren't, in some way, negatively affected by the recession, be it job layoffs, higher taxes, increased consumer prices or higher utility bills.

Tragically, recent reports and incidents indicate an increasing number of men are venting their anger by abusing women.

A study released Monday said 81 per cent of women polled at 44 Canadian colleges and universities reported having been abused by men, either psychologically, physically or sexually. Twenty-eight per cent said they had been sexually abused or assaulted. The number of men polled who admitted to abusing women confirm the results are fairly accurate.

Also, several studies in the past few years show increases in domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday.

However, the severity of the problem is evidenced locally by the abduction and sexual assault of a Port Colborne woman in Welland last weekend. The man charged with the crime was free while he appealed a sexual assault conviction.

Rarely, if ever, do men assault women only once. Clearly, once is too often. But most abusers, for a number of reasons, are enabled to repeat the crime.

While most of the responsibility lies with men, many of whose attitudes toward women must change, the judicial system also must do its part in changing some of those attitudes. Ridiculously lenient sentences, especially for first-time offenders, send the wrong message to a society that clearly needs to redefine its attitudes and ideas of what is acceptable.

Patrick Aselstine

First-year broadcasting student Ron Boere flips through the wide selection of compact discs and records sold at bargain prices by CRNC, the college's radio station, outside the library last Tuesday.

Photo by Karla Schindel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarification

In a front page report headlined "Nursing students express concern over co-op placement waiver" published in the Niagara News Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, the distinction between co-operative courses' placement and other programs' work or field placement was not clearly made.

The headline should have referred to "clinical work placement". Co-op placement is normally a paid, three to four-month, full-time on-the-job experience after which students return to full-time academic studies. Work placement is unpaid, of limited duration and occurs either at the end of academic studies or in conjunction with academic classes.

Freedom or censorship?

Dear Editor:

The featured letter to the editor last week (Niagara News, Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, page 4) "Friends' regulate freedom of choice in music industry" contained some concerns about (U.S. President) Bill Clinton's sincerity and care towards the music industry. Unfortunately, the author failed to mention some key issues and apparently misinterpreted the intents and accomplishments of the Parents' Music Resource Centre (PMRC).

Regardless of who founded or is a member of the PMRC, it was designed to rid music of lyrics and themes which promote irresponsible sex, use foul language and mock religion. It would be silly to expect all of the aforementioned to be rid from the music industry, so the PMRC does the best job it can with what it's given.

By placing a sticker on a CD or tape, this group may have prevented yet another teenage suicide or, at least, have momentarily stopped the flow of filthy language into a child's vocabulary. Although a child may hear the exact same words at school, it does not give musicians a valid explanation for their misuse of the English language.

By placing an "Explicit Language — Parental Advisory" sticker on a product, the PMRC is not limiting anybody's freedom of choice, but rather enhancing it. It is enhancing the freedom of choice for parents buying the product and for the everyday consumer who doesn't particularly care for a song built entirely on four-letter words. By viewing the situation this way, the sticker policy can have absolutely no effect on a person's freedom of choice but a positive one.

If society were to let anybody do and say as they please, I could only wonder what kind of anti-religious, immoral place this would be. One interesting fact prevails through all of this mess, though — it seems that the people whom these rules affect the most (that is, musicians, record companies, few consumers) are often the ones who cry "freedom of choice!" Is this a sign of insecurity?

And as far as Clinton is concerned, the last thing on his agenda is censoring REM's next album, so the idea of Big Brother controlling our music should be put on hold for now.

Move over morals — explicit language is in!

John Bell
Year 1 Journalism-Print

Who was first?

Dear Editor:

I was quite surprised to discover that not only did Father Hennepin live many thousands of years ago, but that Jesuits actually existed back then. According to the caption under the photograph of Niagara Falls, (Niagara News, Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, page 12) he was the first man to view the Falls.

An apology is due to aboriginal peoples for this insult. First man indeed! It might well have been a woman.

Sincerely,
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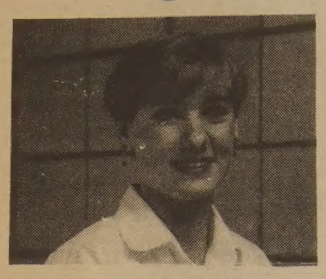
PERSPECTIVES

Daughter afraid of becoming like 'them' - her parents



By ARLENE ARCH
Staff Writer

It finally happened. I refused to believe people who said it was inevitable and a fact of life. I promised, pledged and assured myself I would never be like "them." I swore on the Bible and on the graves of phantom relatives. I said it would be a cold day in you-know-where before it happened to me. But it has. I've become my parents.

It's a frightening realization, especially since "the change" was so gradual and unforeseen. One day I was good ole me — rebellious, irresponsible, carefree. Then slowly and unknowingly my mind, as I knew it, was invaded by an impostor and replaced with one that was reliable, competent and cautious.

I should have seen it coming. The signs were all there, I just didn't want to acknowledge their true meaning. Like when I went to my sister's apartment and began lecturing her on how she should rinse the dishes off after using them so when I go to wash them I wouldn't need a chisel to remove the food stuck to them. It should have dawned on me when I started telling friends not to park on the driveway because their cars leaked oil leaving ugly, black stains on the pavement that they'd have to clean by going down on their hands and knees and removing the stain with a toothbrush, just like Dad tells his friends.

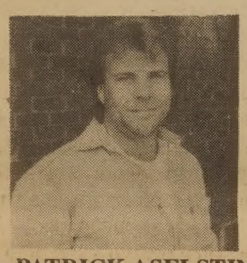
Recently, an alarming revelation occurred to me as I was attempting to reproduce Mom's famous, mouth-watering apple strudel but instead invented a soggy, overly sweet, applesauce-in-a-pan creation that would be anything but famous. The revelation was that I'd evidently obtained the exact parental qualities that continually annoyed and irritated me as a child. The new me possessed values, loyalties, a conscience.

What I lack is Mom's inner strength and consummate knack in the kitchen that enables her to make even a blood sausage become a child's dinner favorite. Or Dad's exceptional ability to compute any mathematical equation in his head within seconds, although he only has a Grade 5 education (which he reminds me of whenever I reach for my calculator.)

The few traits remaining my own I hold to tightly and hide from vultures that might want to capture them and turn them into something respectable. There are things about me I refuse to change for anyone just as Mom and Dad have kept their original habits. Mom will always vacuum before she dusts because she claims the vacuum scatters dust over everything and who wants to dust twice? And Dad will forever be reminding me of things I did wrong, no matter how much time has gone by.

On Christmas Eve day last year, I got into a car accident and dented our semi-new Pontiac 6000. I can just hear Dad years from now on Christmas Eve as we all sit around the table that Mom so reverently prepared, as always. He stands to make a toast, lifting his glass of favorite red wine before his children and grandchildren. Dad's words and meaning are clear despite the Yugoslavian accent and hazy perception of the English language. A secret smile brushes over my lips as he says, "Here's to the car Arlene smashed just like the potatoes we're having for dinner."

Clinton's decision will create military sexual tension



By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

U.S. President Bill Clinton supported his campaign promises of change when he chose, as his first order of business, to address the issue of allowing gays in the military. Unfortunately, his first choice for change is a poor one.

Although gays deserve the same rights as everyone else, the military may be the one area where the country's welfare should supersede the rights of the individual.

There are undoubtedly thousands of gays in the military today, but they must keep secret their sexual orientation. Lifting the ban on homosexuals would create an element of sexual tension which would undermine the teamwork which is vital to efficient military operations.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a speech at the United States Naval Academy, said, "The presence of homosexuals in the forces would be detrimental to good order and discipline, for a variety of reasons, principally relating around the issue of privacy."

It has been suggested that gays in the military be separated, as women are. Segregation of men and women in military ranks occurs to eliminate, or at least minimize, the possiblity of sexual involvement.

Joining the military means giving up civilian rights. Enlisted men and women are required to conform to a predetermined norm. Allowing professed homosexuals into the military will destroy the desired oneness and lead to morale problems, even violence.

Also upsetting is the fact that Clinton doesn't seem interested in the opinions of experienced military personel. His six-month suspension of the ban on homosexuals in the military is not for the purpose of discussion, but so he may convert many Democrats in Congress who have joined, or who are threatening to join, the Republican opposition on this issue.

Clinton, particularly if he continually attempts to rush legislation without debate or consultation, will find the Democratic majority in Congress won't automatically approve his legislation. Though his proposed lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military is a bad idea, subsequent good ideas will face similar opposition if he doesn't soon learn the manoeuvring required to enact legislation in Washington.

While the treatment of gays by many "straight" people needs to improve, the military isn't the place to start. Americans better hope Clinton's future ideas for change, as well as his methods of implentation, are better thought out than this one.

Nicaraguan students denied refugee status

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Eight years ago amidst civil war and possible persecution, Niagara College students Denis and Luisa Hernandez fled Nicaragua.

Now, after being denied refugee status in the United States and Canada, the couple, who attend the college in the Ontario JobSkills program, may have to take their family back to Nicaragua, a move they say could result in their deaths.

"I won't go Nicaragua. I prefer to die to go back because I know what will happen," said a frustrated 43-year-old Hernandez in broken English.

"I am free now. I have nothing, but I don't care because I feel free here."

The Hernandez' have until Monday to file an appeal.

In 1975 the then 25-year-old Denis began his ascent in the ranks of Nicaragua's Samoza regime, until his climb culminated in an appointment as general vice-president of Nicaragua's national bank.

Eight years later, after a bloody revolution which claimed many of his family members, Denis joined the new Sandinista government and began planning his family's escape from their native Nicaragua.

The family left in 1985, leaving behind their home and a coffee plantation in the mountains outside Managua, the Nicaraguan capital.

On Jan. 15, the Hernandez' and their four children, who now live in Fort Erie, were told they do not qualify for refugee status because a democratically elected government is now in power in Nicaragua.

But Hernandez said he disagrees.

"There are more than 300 persons died since the new government," he said.

"They were believing the new change to start again in the country, but what happened? It's nasty."

In 1991, Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega was ousted from power by Violeta Chamorro in Nicaragua's first democratic transfer of power in the country's 152-year history.

Hernandez and his 39-year-old wife Luisa, fear a backlash from former Sandinistas, who they believe still hold high government positions, and former Samoza supporters who will persecute them because of Denis' Sandinista background.

"People who were working with Samosa are going to be unhappy because we worked with Sandinista, and Sandinista know we worked with the Contra," Hernandez said, adding, "this is what the court doesn't understand."

In 1982 civil war broke out between Soviet-backed Sandinistas and US-backed Contras, supporters of former president Anastasio Somoza, killing more than 300 thousand Nicaraguans.

A findings report issued after the Hernandez' hearing states Hernandez is "an opportunist who moved with the changed political climate when the Sandinistas ascended to power. . . ."

However, Hernandez maintains he joined the Sandinista government to keep his family alive.

"I joined the Sandinista army because most people were taken and killed or sent to jail," said Denis.

"I did it because I had to survive."

'If they go back they have to start all over again.' -Luisa

Denis said although the Sandinistas knew he was a former Samosa supporter, they began to trust him and he was eventually returned to his job at the bank. Hernandez maintains he only used the Sandinistas as an opportunity to plan his family's escape.

When revolution broke out in 1979, Hernandez, knowing the new Sandanista-controlled government possessed lists of known Samosa administrators, fled the capital to the Nicaraguan Red Cross.

He returned to Managua three weeks later where he says he was forced to join the Sandinistas or risk death or detention.

Perhaps more than their own lives, Denis and Luisa said they fear for their children, Denis Jr., 15, Manuel, 13, Yackira, 11, and their youngest Mark, 1, who have adjusted well to life in North America.

"They like French," said Luisa, with a smile on her face.

"If they go back they have to start all over again."

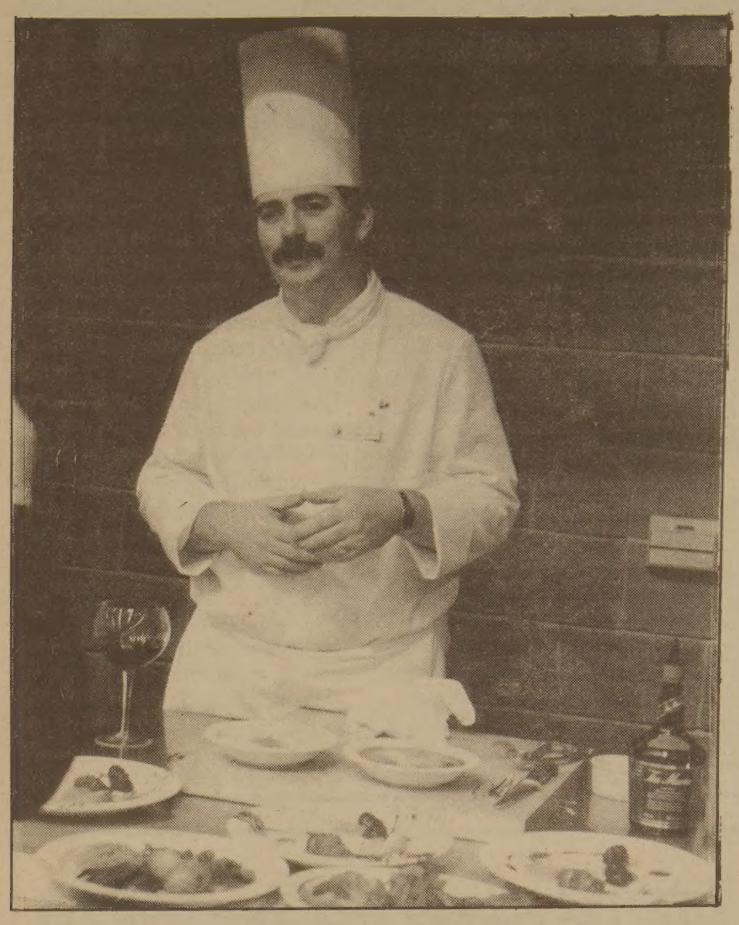
Luisa said the children know little Spanish. Denis and Luisa said they just want the opportunity to start their lives over again.

Denis said he will continue to fight to stay in Canada.

"We will try to go back to our normal life."

"I like Canada."

Niagara Falls tour to generate business



Patrick Hogan, food and beverages manager, demonstrates food preparation for tour operators from the United States last Friday at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.
Photo by Karen Kranjac

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Spicy demonstrations are heating up business at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont.

About 20 tour operators from across the United States visited the centre Feb. 5 to experience one of the Niagara Falls tours to ensure their hands on opinions of what is offered. Niagara Falls Tours developed this tour with the centre over a six-month interval.

"They're on a familiarization tour and hopefully this will become an attraction over the years," said David Davies, director at the centre. "We hope this will become a regular part of the college."

This new development will not only generate money for the centre but for the city of Niagara Falls by bringing business to the restaurants and motels. This tour was tested and now it's time to go commercially, said Davies.

"The key point to this tour is behind the scenes which makes this work," he said.

The Niagara Industry Training Advisory Corporation (NITAC) was given recognition and an appreciation award for their support in the Chef de Cuisine Program.

The Kari Gehriger Award Apprentice of the Year was awarded to Connie Clement, a student in Baking and Pastry Skills, Chief Marine Skills, Marine Cook and Culinary Entrepreneur Skills courses.

'This will become an attraction over the years'-Davies

"She was chosen for her academic standing, job performance, and chosen by peers and executives," said Patrick Hogan, manager of food and beverages.

The menu included smoked breast of duck with peach chutney, lobster consomme en croute, sorbet, roast pork tenderloin, baby lettuce with a Chardonay vinaigrette and a three-flavored souffle.

"These people are tour operators from the United States who will be sending people here," said Hogan. " It's exposure into the U.S. market."

The centre has already booked tours in July, October and December.

Board position provides good experience

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made him a much better listener, and, because he was both a student and a board member, gave him a good idea how the college system operates.

Jones said he loved the job.

"I learned so much from being surrounded by a room full of highly qualified, incredible individuals who know their stuff and are working as a team for the success of the students."

Jones said his observations were listened to and respected by the other board members.

"I would like to thank everyone on the Board of Governors because they welcomed me warmly. I learned something from each member."

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BBQ at college

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

A barbecue will be held at the college by the first-year Interior Design program students on Wednesday Feb. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The proceeds of the barbecue will help the students fund a field trip to New York City in September 1993. The students hope to raise half the cost, or $8,000, through fund raising events.

"This Discovery Week event is part of the curriculum. We are going to see architecture and other wonderful structures of this city," said Pam Clark, 34, a member of the program.

Free hotdogs will be given to the first ten to show up wearing beach attire, such as snorkles and inflatable beach toys.

This event is part of a larger fund raiser that will include a car wash, bingo games, a yard sale, bake sales and plant sales for Easter and Mothers Day.

"We will be looking forward to this educational adventure," said Julie Clark, 20, a member of the program.

"Without the students' support, we won't be able to go," said Leanne Newton, 20, a member of the program.

As part of this fund drive, the students held a bake sale in the lobby of the Tecumseh building on Feb. 10, raising more than $100.

"It was a great success. I want to thank everyone who contributed," said Sam O'Brien, 21, a member of the program.

Tourism Centre hosts dinner

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

The 13th annual President's Dinner and Awards Evening was held last Saturday at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont.

About 150 people attended the gala event to honor various award recipients. Master of Ceremonies, Albert Cipryk, an instructor at the centre, explained what the Canadian Chef de Cuisine (CCC) represents in the Niagara Region who joined forces in 1980.

"We work together to feed millions of people who come to the Niagara Region," he said.

Chef de Cuisine certificates and 10-karat gold pins were presented to Paul A. Albert, chef at Auberge Suisse in St. Catharines, Mary A. Moore, sous chef at the Pillar and Post Inn, Niagara-on-the Lake and a part-time instructor at the centre, David Wayne Lidkea, chef at the Holiday Inn St. Catharines, Walter Graham Berg, sous chef at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Mark Rodney Walpole, executive chef at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Gisela Teske, chef at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines, S. Jake Neufeld, executive chef at Bonefish Louies in Burlington and a part-time instructor at the centre, Stanley S.D. Pockaj and John McCabe, both instructors.

The demonstration of food preparation and cooking was conducted by Patrick Hogan, manager of food and services, who later brought the operators into the industrial-sized kitchen to cook what they had been taught.

"We are all tour operators and now we are going to see what it's like by trying it all out," said tour operator, Carol Love of Greensberg, Pa. "I'm so enthusiastic about this.

"You know every operator here is thinking about who they can sell this too when they get home."

Angelika Whitham, director of marketing at the Prince of Wales in Niagara-on-the-Lake, said it was a fabulous idea.

"There is nothing like eating, drinking and talking to people, but the trick is to steal a little taste of whatever it is you're preparing," said Whitham.

Students gain the experience of learning how to peform in a demonstration and to teach others food preparation.

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New communications policy 'turning point' for industry

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Ted Rogers, president and chief executive officer for Rogers Communications Inc., discussed the benefits resulting from developments in the Canadian communications industry at Brock University in St. Catharines Tuesday night.

The Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and the Department of Communications made 1992 a "turning point" for Canada, Rogers said, because changes in the telecommunications policy have opened the field to competition from virtually anyone — something "very much in the public interest."

The new regulations also benefited Rogers Communications Inc., which owns 32 per cent of Unitel Communications, recently authorized by the CRTC to provide competitive long-distance telephone service across Canada.

The loosening of federal regulations governing telecommunications will allow increased competition, which will ultimately provide Canadians with better, cheaper services, and the Free Trade Agreement will allow companies with those services "freer access to what is most important — the customer," said Rogers.

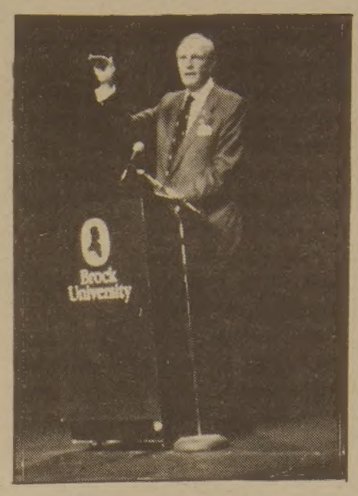
"My own experience shows me Canadians are able to design and implement some of the finest systems and networks in the world . . . I think we've got a great country. We have a great standard of living . . . but we've got to get out of our shell and say, 'Look at that border. What an opportunity we have in the U.S. Let's start to compete.'"

Mentioning cellular and digital cordless phones as future trends, Rogers stressed the importance of recognizing what will be required and desired in the future.

"If I have any advice for the students, it would be, try to get aboard the trends, because it's a lot easier riding on a trend than against it. You can cover a lot of mistakes."

Asked to address the issue that prolonged cellular phone use may cause brain tumors, Rogers pulled a cellular phone from his jacket pocket and replied, "Causes what?" He assured the crowd that the phones were safe, saying, "Rogers Communications will pay the burial expenses if anyone dies from talking over a cellular phone."

The arms race and space exploration have produced technology which will flood us with new products over the next five to seven years, Rogers said.



TED ROGERS

"I think the telephone, the TV set and the computer will grow together so that we'll have in our homes a multi-media instrument which you can use for all those purposes."

Rogers said increased competition will help Canada climb out of the recession and allow it to better compete globally.

"I've always believed that entrepreneurialship is one of the fundamental drives of business and economic prosperity."

Student driven to action

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

A Niagara College health care aide student put his training into action by moving quickly to assist the injured party of a two-vehicle accident Feb. 3.

Jerry Aube, 31, was driving home to Welland from classes at the college's Mount Carmel campus in Niagara Falls at 3:15 p.m. when he witnessed the accident at Barren and Allenport Roads in Thorold.

"I was driving and the next thing I knew I saw a car on two wheels in a ditch, it rolled back over and then I saw the mini van on the other side of the road," he said.

Aube, who was car pooling with two other students, Charlene Pychel and Henriette Proulx, stopped his car immediately. The couple in the mini van were moving, but he didn't see anyone moving in the car, so he decided that patient needed help first.

When Aube reached the victim, Santo Rapone, 39, in the car "blood was just gushing out" of wounds he had received to his forehead. He sent Pychel and Proulx back to get blankets from his car so they could be used to apply pressure and stop the bleeding. Until the blankets came Aube used his bare hands to provide the pressure to the wounds.

"I placed the blankets on his head and wanted to make sure he was still with me, so I asked him his name and where he lived," Aube said. "It's all I could really do. I didn't want to move him in case he had broken ribs."

"He asked me how bad he was hurt, I told him, 'You'll only need a few stitches,' so I could keep him calm."

In fact, Aube admitted he was concerned that the severe "gouges to his forehead" may have been life threatening.

By the time the ambulance attendants arrived Aube had stopped the bleeding of Rapone's head wounds. He explained to the attendants what he had done, and what complaints the patient was having.

"I didn't do it to be a hero. I have my first aid and I have my CPR, I just did a job I had to do."

Rapone was taken to St. Catharines General Hospital where he was treated and released.

Local triathlete Diane Eller training for summer worlds

Striving to break 2:25:00

Terry Buckley, front, Diane Eller, left and Sharryn Oleskiw have had success competing in triathlons.
Photo courtesy of The Standard

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

What started as a fun family outing has turned into a successful endeavor filled with recognition for local triathlete Diane Eller.

Eller, wife of Niagara College math professor Ken Eller, recently received several awards for her incredible year of achievement in the triathlon (an endurance event consisting of a swim, cycle and run).

The 48-year-old Eller was named Canadian National Masters Female Triathlete of the Year and the Ontario Olympic Distance Female Athlete of the Year as well as being awarded the H.L. Cudney Memorial Trophy as Welland's athlete of the year. She was also named All American and ranked No. 1 in her age group (45 to 49) by Triathlon Today magazine.

The awards are more remarkable considering Eller didn't enter her first triathlon until five years ago when, after a cross-country ski outing with family members in which she had trouble keeping up, she vowed to get in shape and enter a triathlon.

Eller did enter a triathlon with her husband and sisters Sharryn and Terry, along with Terry's boyfriend. Only Terry had competed in the event before.

"We would sort of do them as a group. I did terrible at the start. I was always 15 minutes behind everybody else," Eller said.

Although the event was gruelling and she "thought the run would never end," Eller found participation satisfying.

"It was a great feeling of accomplishments when we finished. At the end of the race we were hooked and we just couldn't wait for the next one even though was hard."

Eller won her first event at the Ontario Championships held in Grimsby in July 1989. Virtually unbeatable in Canada since that time, Eller has captured medals at three consecutive World Championships. She listed last summer's second-place finish, only 20 seconds behind world record setter Barb Webb of South Africa, as her greatest achievement.

'It's the greatest thing that's ever happened.'

Eller also likes participating in Welland's Mike Burwell Memorial Triathlon, an event she has entered five times and won "three or four times."

Olympic triathlons, which Eller completes in less than two and one-half hours, consist of a 1.5-kilometre swim, a 40-kilometre cycle and a 10-kilometre run.

Although it isn't easy with a husband, 15-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son, Eller is training faithfully for this summer's World Championships to be held in Nuremburg, Germany.

"In the fall you keep your base. In the winter you gradually add speed work. You do strengthening things like weights and hill runs. You do real short, hard workouts as you get closer to when you want to peak."

Eller wants to peak at this summer's worlds and, with her times steadily improving since she started competing, she has a goal in mind.

"It would be nice to break 2:25:00 but I don't know. It might be tough."

With two sisters and her husband also competitors, Eller has no shortage of supporters. "It's the greatest thing that's ever happened," said Ken Eller when asked about his wife's accomplishments.

Eller plans to continue competing for many years, perhaps a little less seriously.

"I'd like to stay in it for a long time. I don't want to get so intense that I get burned out. Maybe in the future I won't train so hard. Some people say you can't. Once you do seriously you can't go back."

With her results, along with the time and effort she spends trying to improve, Eller is a dedicated athlete. While she agrees the high that endurance athletes experience is part of the allure of triathlons, clearly more than that and her success motivates her.

"Now that I'm winning it's kind of motivating, but I still would enjoy it, I think, if I didn't win," Eller said, adding, "I do enjoy it and it's nice because my sisters and Ken do it. It's more fun when all of us do it."

Colleges join in partnership with private sector

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Niagara College, along with two other colleges, has teamed with a major private sector association in hopes of improving leadership skills of local manufacturing workers.

The partnership began 18 months ago when the local branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Associaton (CMA) approached the presidents of Niagara, Sheridan College in Oakville and Mohawk College in Hamilton with concerns about the quality and scope of industrial training in the region, said George Repar, director of Joint Ventures for Niagara College in St. Catharines.

"They were concerned that maybe the colleges weren't serving their interests with the kind of programming they needed," he said.

"The CMA wanted, for their members, especially in the area of training for new technologies, leadership and supervisory training, because the companies were saying, 'We've got to upgrade our workforce; our capacity; our human resource base to be a more-efficient, better organization.'"

Although many of the courses the CMA requested were available through post-secondary and continued education classes, they needed to be altered and standardized.

"It gets to be a hassle for the client. It is hard for people who go to one school to get equal credit at another," said Al Munro, co-ordinator of manufacturing and engineering technology at Niagara College and responsible for developing courses and programs based on what the CMA wants. "The CMA requested courses that are 100 per cent transferable between colleges."

The meetings led to the formation of a unique partnership training agreement, said Repar.

"It's unique because it brings together three institutions to work collaboratively in a real nice alliance with the private sector."

The project team — three colleges and the CMA — put forward a proposal for funding and began the process of developing modules of accredited instruction which could be offered and recognized by each institution.

"The determination of the needs has come directly from the grassroots. We've done some very extensive surveys. We've met with workers and owners to get a sense about what should be in the training area," said Repar.

The 180-hour certificate program, scheduled to begin in the fall at the three colleges, will include five mandatory courses: Supervisory and Management Techniques; Continuous Improvement Processes; Coaching and Developing People; Computer Literacy/Application and Maintaining Effective Teams. A yet-to-be-determined elective will also be required.

"We want our college to take a fairly substantial ownership of this partnership," said Repar.

In fact, Niagara, with Munro and an assistant, who will likely come from industry, are responsible for developing guidelines for the Supervisory and Management Techniques and Computer Literacy/Application courses.

"That's only the beginning. We're going to get into the hard stuff and some of the real technical subject areas as this thing evolves," said Repar.

Instructors will come from the community, industry and the colleges.

"We will be partnering with the program companies to make sure that we've got a first-rate training team that does the job. We'll make sure we get the best," said Repar.

Companies represented on the program's task force include Fleet Aerospace from Fort Erie and E.D. Smith and Dofasco in Hamilton.

"It is very good. You look and you find exactly what you need," said Art Harris, a consultant on the partnership task force and recently-retired supervisor of technical services at Fleet Aerospace in Fort Erie where he was involved in technical training for 15 years.

Repar stressed the need for more partnerships where institutions work closely with industry to identify and meet future training needs.

"We're not doing a bad job trying to identify what training is needed at the moment. It's changing quickly. In order for us to be a responsible institution, we've got to stay on top of the changes, we've got to work with the people for whom the changes are impacting."

Glossy magazines to be recycled

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Blue boxes won't just be filled with newspapers this year. Since early December Laidlaw Waste Systems Ltd. of St. Catharines has been accepting glossy magazines for recycling.

The new project has a "whole different process" for recycling magazines with a higher cost to the company, said Bill Cambell, manager of Laidlaw Waste Systems.

Laidlaw serves St. Catharines and Fort Erie, however, Cambell says "there aren't many other areas (in the Niagara Region) who aren't doing it."

Since October 1992, Metro Toronto has been accepting glossy magazines in their blue box collection. It was "primarily financial" reasons that prevented this step from being taken before, said Mashi Karumanchiri, information officer for Recycling Information Services in Toronto. It puts a further burden on the municipalities, she said, but "it's a step in the right direction."

1993 ELECTIONS FOR INTERNAL GOVERNORS

SUPPORT STAFF AND STUDENTS

MARCH 22, 1993

This year, Niagara College must elect one Support Staff Member and one Student to the Board of Governors for the following terms:

SUPPORT STAFF - SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 TO AUGUST 31, 1996
STUDENT - SEPTEMBER 1, 1993 TO AUGUST 31, 1994

Those eligible to run are:

- FULL- AND PART-TIME SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1993
- FULL- AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1993
- ADULT TRAINING STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1993

Nominations will be received from February 18 to March 3, 1993, inclusive. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available at all balloting stations shown below except the Cafeteria. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

Campaigning will take place from March 8 to March 21, 1993, inclusive. Balloting will take place on March 22, 1993 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm with votes counted on March 23. Continuing Education students registered in a program leading to a Diploma or Certificate will be able to vote between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm in the Continuing Education Office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus or the Second Floor Office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballot packages and ballot boxes will be available at the following locations on March 22:

- WELLAND CAMPUS
  . CAFETERIA - BLACK WALNUT BUILDING
  . ME-100 - OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STUDENT LIFE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
  . H-21 - CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFICE
- HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES
- HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM CENTRE, NIAGARA FALLS
- MACK NURSING EDUCATION CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES
- ST. CATHARINES CAMPUS - MAIN OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR

Voters' lists will be available for checking from March 9 to March 15, 1993, inclusive, at all above locations except the Cafeteria. In order to vote, your name must be on the Voters' list. The last day for revision to the Voters' list is March 15.

Strict confidentiality will be maintained in the balloting using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. On the specified day, the ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of the Returning Officer and the return envelopes stating the name, constituent group and signature will be matched against and recorded on the appropriate Voter listing to ensure one vote per elector. The outer return envelope will then be separated from the ballot envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot, and the ballot envelope will be returned to the ballot box pending the count of the votes. After all return envelopes have been checked against the Voters' lists and any disputes with respect to voter eligibility have been resolved, the ballot boxes will be reopened and the count commenced. The Returning Officer will rule on the eligibility of any ballot disputed due to improper marking.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN STANDING FOR NOMINATION SHOULD NOTE THAT STUDY WEEK IS MARCH 1-5 AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

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Local soldier in war-torn Somalia

PTE. WAYNE RAWSTHORNE

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

A St. Catharines family anxiously awaits the homecoming of Pte. Wayne Rawsthorne, 24, from Somalia, where he has been involved in a peacekeeping mission with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Rawsthorne, a soldier trained in Petawawa, Ont. for four years, left on Dec. 29 as part of the 750 Canadian troops who went to Somalia to guard famine relief operations.

Married for two years to Sherry, 25, Rawsthorne is expected to return to Canada sometime between July and September. The troops are expected to stay in Somalia for six to 10 months, she said.

"I don't think he was prepared for this." His mother, Bernice Rawsthorne, 50, said he was trained more for fighting than peacekeeping.

The involvement of the United Nations changed from a peacekeeping operation to a peacemaking operation. "This made me worried for him," said Pete Rawsthorne, 25, Rawsthorne's oldest brother and former student at Niagara College.

He began his duties in Mogadishu and was later sent to other areas in the region. Bernice last heard from her son last week when he was on a four day leave in Nairobe. Although his family rarely knows his operations and daily whereabouts, communication can be done through letter writing and the occasional telephone call. He is allowed a three to five minute phone call once every week to once a month, said Sherry.

Rawsthorne trained as a radio operator in Petawawa. In Somalia, he is a combat engineer and his duties include clearing mines and digging ditches. "He does everything," Sherry said.

Sherry said she was anxious to see her husband leave because he had been waiting to go since September. "There was nothing I could do about it," she said.

His family believes there is not enough Canadian coverage on television. "I don't believe that the Canadian contingent is getting as much praise as they should for the effort that they're doing," said Pete. When Bernice watches the news, she watches for her son to come on the screen.

Somalia had its first taste of peace in more than two years upon the involvement of the UN. The U.S. coalition arrived Dec. 9 and it was announced on Sept. 2 in Ottawa that the Canadian contribution of soldiers would be sent to help war-torn Somalia. There is no date set for their return. However, the UN has threatened to leave Somalia unless the Somali warlords make peace.

Exchange professors on campus

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

Two professors from Yueyang University in the People's Republic of China arrived Feb. 1 for a four-month-long training engagement at Niagara College.

Jing Chen, 29, and Qin Jianlai, 42, from the department of electrical and mechanical engineering, are here as part of a three-year professional exchange program between Niagara College and Yueyang University established two years ago. The program is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

"I would like to learn about welding, and if conditions permit, repairing of computers," said Chen, who has been teaching fundamentals of chemical and mechanical engineering at the university for eight years.

"At our university, whenever a computer runs out of use (breaks down), there is no one to repair it," she said. "That's why I'd like to learn about that as well."

Jianlai, who has taught machine design at the university for eight years, is full of expectations.

"I've come to learn about CAD/CAM (computer-aided design/ manufacturing)," he said. "We also expect to improve our English level, our manual operation skills and learn new teaching methodologies. We have to teach our students these new skills when we get back home."

Jianlai will be attached to the department of computer engineering technology at the Welland campus, and Chen will be attached to the Industrial Skills Training Centre at the St. Catharines campus.

The institutional linkage program, now in its second of three phases, has involved a number of professional staff from both institutions in exchange visits. Last fall, Lance Dileo and Larry Clark from Niagara College visited Yueyang University. Clark is an instructor in the Computer Engineering Technology program at the Welland campus, and Dileo teaches at the Industrial Skills Training Centre in St. Catharines.

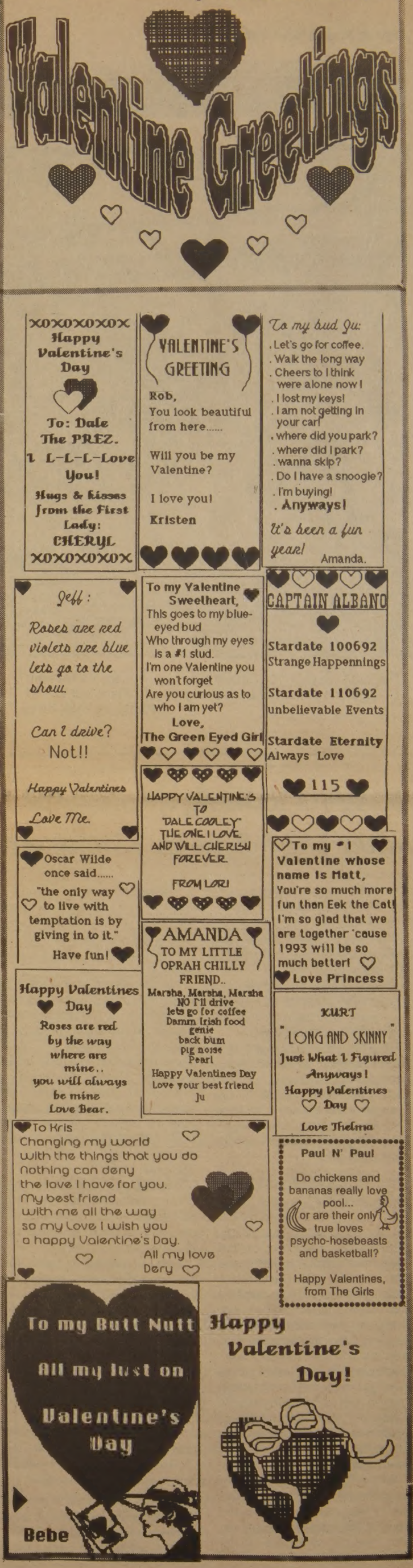
"The program is beneficial to both institutions," said Jianlai. "Canadians learn something from China and we also learn a lot from Canada."

"Most people in China would like the program to continue because it is benefiting the two institutions," said Chen, who joined the university soon after graduating from China's Xian Ting University.

Yueyang University is an advanced vocational training institution situated in the Dongting Lake Region of Hunan Province. It was established by the municipal and provincial governments to be the key occupational training resource for a growing, multisectoral industrial base.

Yueyang University professors Jing Chen (second from left) and Qin Jianlai (third from left), pose with two Niagara College international education department staff, translator Youjia Wu (at left) and secretary Judy Ventresca.

Photo by Henry Malunda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. Cheers to I think were alone now!
. I lost my keys!
. I am not getting in your car!
. where did you park?
. where did I park?
. wanna skip?
. Do I have a snoogie?
. I'm buying!
. Anyways!
It's been a fun year!
Amanda.
Jeff:
Roses are red violets are blue lets go to the show.
Can I drive?
Not!!
Happy Valentines
Love Me.
To my Valentine Sweetheart,
This goes to my blue-eyed bud
Who through my eyes is a #1 stud.
I'm one Valentine you won't forget
Are you curious as to who I am yet?
Love,
The Green Eyed Girl
CAPTAIN ALBANO
Stardate 100692
Strange Happennings
Stardate 110692
unbelievable Events
Stardate Eternity
Always Love
115
HAPPY VALENTINE'S TO "DALE COOLEY" THE ONE I LOVE AND WILL CHERISH FOREVER.
FROM LORI
Oscar Wilde once said.....
"the only way to live with temptation is by giving in to it."
Have fun!
To my #1 Valentine whose name is Matt,
You're so much more fun than Eek the Cat! I'm so glad that we are together 'cause 1993 will be so much better!
Love Princess
AMANDA
TO MY LITTLE OPRAH CHILLY FRIEND..
Marsha, Marsha, Marsha
NO I'll drive
lets go for coffee
Damm Irish food genie
back bum
pig noise
Pearl
Happy Valentines Day
Love your best friend
Ju
Happy Valentines Day
Roses are red by the way where are mine..
you will always be mine
Love Bear.
KURT
LONG AND SKINNY
Just What I Figured Anyways!
Happy Valentines Day
Love Thelma
To Kris
Changing my world
With the things that you do
Nothing can deny
the love I have for you.
My best friend
With me all the way
so my Love I wish you
a happy Valentine's Day.
All my love
Dery
Paul N' Paul
Do chickens and bananas really love pool...
or are their only true loves psycho-hosebeasts and basketball?
Happy Valentines, from The Girls
To my Butt Nutt
All my lust on
Valentine's Day
Bebe
Happy Valentine's Day!

SPORTS

Niagara College's Rick Sinclair puts up a shot against Cambrian College in a game to decide first place. Niagara lost 77 - 71.
Photo by Rick Kinzel

Men lose two.... Niagara basketball team falters

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

Niagara College men's basketball team entered last weekend's games with a chance to move into first place with wins over Cambrian College of Sudbury and St. Lawrence College of Brockville, but came up empty.

On Friday night, Cambrian proved why they are in first place with a 63-60 last second win over Niagara, while on Saturday the short-staffed Knights lost 77-71 to the St. Lawrence Vikings.

Niagara had a chance to force overtime against Cambrian when a Jeff Allen jumper from the foul line tied the game at 60. A Cambrian basket left Niagara needing two points to tie or a three pointer to win the game. The ball ended up in the hands of Niagara's point guard Rick Sinclair with under five seconds remaining. Sinclair's shot bounced off the rim forcing the Knights to foul. Larry Horzempa of Cambrian put the game away with a clutch free throw giving Cambrian a three-point victory.

The Knights had a 10-point lead at the end of the first half but let Cambrian back into the game making an exciting finish.

Sinclair led Niagara with 18 points including two-three pointers. Marc Lesage also had 18 points leading Cambrian in scoring. Other scorers for Niagara were Scott Currie with 12 points and Frank Keltos and Merv Wrighton each with 10 points.

Basketball

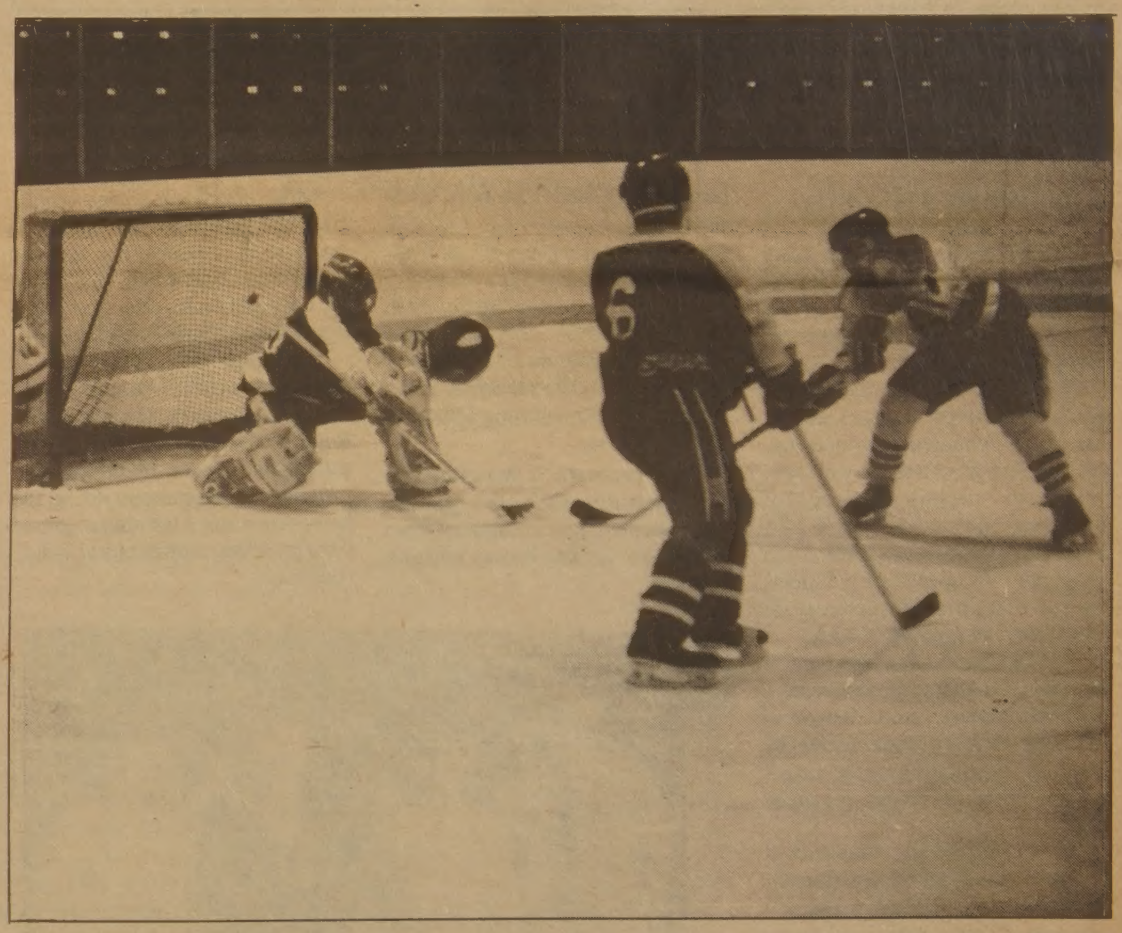
The loss was costly for the Knights, not only losing a chance at first place, but they may have lost starter Paul Grummett for the rest of the season with a leg injury.

Niagara entered Saturday's game against St Lawrence without Grummett and missing starters Dan Macnab and Currie.

Niagara trailed most of the first half but fought back to take the lead with under three minutes remaining in the game. A Niagara turnover and a pair of missed free throws by Frank Keltos left the Knights needing three pointers to get back into the game. Sinclair and Wrighton both connected on long range shots but clutch free throws made by Cambrian's Mike Peterson put the game away.

Sinclair finished with 23 points, Wrighton with 20 points, Keltos with 16 points and Allen with 12 points were the Niagara scorers in Saturday's game.

The losses leave Niagara with a 7-4 record placing them in second place. The Knights travel to Kingston to play Royal Militairy College and St Lawrence this weekend.



An unidenified Seneca Braves' player tries to put the puck past Niagara Knights' goalie Rob Wylde during action at the Welland arena Saturday night. Knights' defenceman Rob Lafleur (6) looks on. The Knights lost the game 7-1.
Photo by Lloyd Abbs

Knights looking at playoffs after big 3-3 tie in Kitchener

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College hockey team earned a point Wednesday, tying the strong Conestoga Condors 3-3 in Kitchener.

The Knights were led by newcomer Fred Monfils, who scored two goals, one short-handed, and looked impressive all game.

Monfils, who had played Jr. B in St. Catharines as well as hockey in the East Coast League, managed to find himself playing in Europe last year before coming to Niagara.

"I like this team" said Monfils after the game. "There's a good work ethic here."

Niagara 3-Conestoga 3

Interim Head Coach Jim Beattie, who is filling in for Head Coach Fred Bassi, who is scheduled for minor surgery later this month, said "it was the team's best game of the year. Right now the cards are on the table and I believe tonight's complete team effort is a sign of the team getting better and better. They're really coming together."

Knights' starting goalie Dan Yakubowski played a strong game in net stopping 25 of 28 Condor shots to preserve the tie.

"The guys made my job easy tonight" said Yakubowski, referring to Niagara's solid defensive effort. "I think this is probably the team Fred (Bassi) wanted at the start of the year."

Niagara opened the scoring in the first with Monfils' first, short-handed to give the Knights a 1-0 lead. Conestoga tied it late in the period to make the score 1-1 after a period.

Monfils second goal at the 3:30 mark of the second gave Niagara a 2-1 lead, and just two minutes later Captain Dale Zimmerman scored to give the Knights a 3-1 lead. Conestoga replied with two to make the scored 3-3 after two periods.

Knights' goalie Yakubowski earned his weight in gold after robbing the league's top goal scorer Dave Long with a big glove save halfway through the third period. The game ended 3-3.

Niagara's record of 1-9-4 is good enough for fourth place and a win this afternoon in Peterborough will clinch a playoff spot for the Knights.

In last Saturday's game, the Knights had problems beating the crossbar in a 7-1 thrashing by the visiting Seneca Braves of Willowdale. Niagara's lone goal came from forward Derek Rewberry.

"There is no doubt Seneca's a good team. They're the best in the league." said Knights' coach Fred Bassi.

"This was our best game against them this year."he said, referring to two previous encounters which the Knights lost 10-2 and 8-1.

"We can't give a team as good as that chances to score because they will bury them everytime," said Knights' defenceman Steve Cote.

Knights impressive in women's V-ball match

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

Niagara College women's volleyball team won a match last week, three games to one against Redeemer College, of Ancaster.

The Knights only loss came in a close scoring opening game, 15-12.

The second game mirrored the competitive first game with Niagara opening an 8-6 lead before Tammy Froese surprised the Redeemer defence with a couple of quick sets, opening a five-point lead. Niagara won game two 15-6.

The third game was dominated by the serve of Lisa Duquette who served for 12 of the 15 Niagara points leading the Knights to a 15-10 victory. Duquette served for seven points in the second game, four points in the fourth game and three points in the first game.

Sensing victory, Niagara closed out the match by winning the fourth game 15-7.

SPORTS

College athletes awarded SAC scholarships

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Five Niagara College athletes have been awarded Student Administrative Council Athletic Scholarships worth $250 each for their achievements academically and athletically in the 1992/93 year.

Donnell Stayzer, 24, is co-captain of the women's volleyball team and is maintaining a 90 per cent average as a second-year Business Administration - Human Resources student. The Wainfleet native has bounced back from a knee injury which kept her off the court last year. She is a strong middle hitter and excellent defensive player who displays leadership both on and off the court.

TAMMY FROESE

DONNELL STAYZER

TRACEY NIESEN

DAN MACNAB

"I was excited," Stayzer said. "But I expected both Tammy and I to get it (scholarship)."

Tammy Froese, 20, also a co-captain with the women's volleyball team, is maintaining a 90 per cent average as a first-year Fashion Merchandising student. "I didn't really expect it to happen," she said of winning the award. "Not too many people applied for it." The Saskatoon, Sask. native is a versatile player who can run the team's offence when in the setter position.

Rick Sinclair is a second-year point guard on the men's basketball team. His 16-point game average earned him the honor of being Niagara's representative at this year's all-star game. He is a student in the Toolmaking program, with a 93 per cent average.

Dan Macnab, 19, also from the men's basketball team, is a first-year student in the Law and Security Adminstration program, where he's maintaining over an 80 per cent average.

"I thought there was a lot better players on the team who could have won the award," Macnab said.

Macnab is a strong player off the bench. The Hamilton native was also the starting quarterback on Niagara's touch football team which competed in tournaments last October.

Mildmay, Ont. native Tracey Niesen, 20, is maintaining an 80 per cent average as a second-year Business Administration - Human Resources student.

"It will come in handy because I'm paying for everything myself," Niesen said. "It's coming at the right time. No more Kraft dinners."

Niesen was a member of last year's mixed-curling provincial championship team and was also selected last year's female freshman athlete of the year. She has been curling for the past six years and her mixed team has a good chance of repeating as provincial champions.

'Floodgates' open as defence AWOL in All-Star Game

By DARREN ESAU
Staff Writer

It was a goalie's nightmare!

The 44th edition of the National Hockey League All-Star game, at Montreal, gave new meaning to the term 'run and shoot' (or should we say 'skate and shoot',) as it proved to be the highest scoring game in all-star history. Even with Mario Lemieux out of the lineup Saturday afternoon, the floodgates opened and records fell.

The puck dropped just after 3 p.m., and 22 goals, 90 shots and one penalty later, the Wales Conference skated away with a 16-6 win.

Mike Gartner, who scored three goals in the first period and four in total for the Wales, earned the game's most valuable player and more importantly to him a Chrysler Intrepid.

NHL

The 33-year-old right winger of the New York Rangers proved he still has a lot of hockey left by winning the fastest skater in the skills competition one night earlier.

After the game, Toronto's 24-hour sports radio station, The Fan, complained that this free-wheeling, and non-existent defensive hockey is no way to sell this sport south of the border.

Fans are complaining the All-Star game was not a true reflection of a normal regular season game.

Well, of course not! These weren't your normal teams. When the best players in the world get together, the goalies are going to see a lot of rubber.

Although I disagree with The Fan's negative analysis of the game, one caller did have an interesting way for the NHL to keep attracting fan support for future All-Star games. Between periods, invite Ken Linseman and Russ Courtnall to skate blindly across the blueline and then allow Cam Neely, Ulf Samuelsson and Stu Grimson to tee off on them.

It maybe a worthwhile marketing ploy for new NHL boss Gary Bettman to look into.

Season ends on winning note for men's volleyball team

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team won their final match of the season, improving their record to 8-6 by defeating George Brown College of Toronto in five games Wednesday night.

The Knights started the match strongly and easily took the first game 15-7, courtesy of Kevin Jones' five kills.

However, Niagara lost their intensity in the second game, allowing George Brown to win 15-11.

With the score tied 8-8 in the third game, the Knights stopped blocking and began making unforced errors. George Brown capitalized on Niagara's errors to build a 14-8 lead. But the Knights stormed back thanks to Greg Heyder who came off the bench and jump-started the offence with seven unanswered kills to give Niagara a 15-14 advantage. Heyder's effort wasn't enough though as George Brown took the next three points to win 16-14.

The Knights carried their momentum into the fourth and fifth games and easily won both 15-4 and 15-9 respectively to take the match.

Heyder, who originally wasn't expected to play because of a shoulder injury, led the Knights offensively with 17 kills, followed by Brent Roszell with 13, Jim Konrad 12, Jones 11, Brian Dekker seven, Alain Belanger five, and Don Shantz one.

Jones led all Niagara blockers with five, followed by Dekker and Roszell with three apiece, Shantz two, and Heyder one.

The Knights finished the regular season in fourth place. Cambrian College of Sudbury finished first, Redeemer College of Ancaster second, and Conestoga College of Kitchener third. Niagara will travel to Redeemer on Feb. 19 for the Division Two playoffs.

Women's V-ball team dominates Conestoga

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Knights women's volleyball team came up with a strong effort to defeat Conestoga College of Kitchener in four games on Tuesday night.

Niagara's only loss came in the second game of the match (15-12) as they allowed Conestoga to climb back from a 12-11 deficit.

With the score tied 6-6 in the first game, Niagara used strong sets and good hitting by Joanne Cuttris to score nine straight points to win the game 15-6.

The turning point of the match came in the third game with the Knights down 5-0. Niagara stormed back and dominated the rest of the game, scoring 15 straight points to win 15-5.

The fourth game was by far the most exciting of the match as both teams traded the lead a number of times. With the score tied at 11, Niagara began to break away from their opponents. They scored the next three points before finally ending it on a lengthy rally that saw both teams display great defence and communication on the floor. Jennifer MacMillan put it away with a shot to an open corner, to win the game and match 15-11.

ERSN students take to the lanes to raise money for Big Brothers

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

Black spheres thundering down a strip of wood. The crash and clatter of tumbling pins. The temporary exhilaration of a perfect strike and the equally temporary embarrassment of a gutter ball.

These are some of the sights and sounds that were experienced as a group of Niagara College's Education Resource-Special Needs students took to the lanes of Bowl-o-rama in Welland for the annual Bowl for Millions held by the Big Brothers of South Niagara last Saturday.

Eight teams, made up of students, their friends, and members of their families, began bowling at 3:30 p.m. They bowled for pledges made to them by donors, and also for prizes, including two tickets to a performance of The Phantom of the Opera for the most money raised by an individual student.

One student, Melissa Odding, collected over $1,400 in pledges. Rather than going to individuals for donations, she went to local organizations and businesses.

Odding and fellow students Alison McFarlene and Cindy Whiteman, along with Whiteman's sons, Josh and Bob Mills, stood out among the bowlers with their co-ordinated clothing.

"We're the only team here with matching T-shirts," Whiteman said.

The event has been held every year "for over 10 years in Welland," said Greg Whelan, executive director of Big Brothers of South Niagara Inc.

The Big Brothers organization is associated with the United Way, and receives 60 per cent of its operating costs from them, Whelan said. The remainder of the group's expenses are raised through events such as Bowl for Millions.

Teams from area service clubs and businesses also sent teams to bowl in the event, but, Whelan said, "The students of ERSN have been our largest supporters in the last few years." Over that time, he added, "they've collected more pledges as a group than any other group."

Elvira Lucas, ERSN co-ordinator, said the program received an award from the Big Brothers last year in recognition of its support for the Bowl for Millions event. This was the ninth year of the program's participation, she added.

Asked her opinion of how things went, Denise Hopkins, who organized the ERSN students' bowling effort, said, "Things went great. Everybody had a good time."

First-year Education Resources-Special Needs program student Cindy Whiteman reacts to her last shot as her teammates look on during last Saturday's Bowl for Millions at Bowl-o-rama in Welland. Proceeds from this event will go to the Big Brothers of South Niagara.
Photo by Roger Stroop

Special thanks

The Education Resource-Special Needs program wishes to thank the following businesses for donating prizes for the program's effort in the Bowl for Millions event:

Iona Appliances
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Thank you on behalf of the staff and students of the ERSN program.

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'Show some school spirit' for Wintercourse

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

Riddle: What's cold but really fun?

Answer: Winter of course, or at Niagara College, Wintercourse!

Wintercourse 1993 is a five-day Student Administrative Council sponsored activity starting on Feb. 15 with a scavenger hunt and ending on Feb. 19 with an awards ceremony.

SAC president Dale Deloughery wants everyone to sign up and "have fun and show some school spirit."

The first event is a scavenger hunt which will take place all across Welland. Teams have three days to collect the listed articles and must return them to be checked by Feb. 17 at the SAC office. First prize is $50 and the second place team will receive $25.

An air hockey tournament will take place in After Hours at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday has two events slated. A drinking contest will take place at After Hours. Prizes will be awarded for drinking the fastest. If lapping up liquid isn't your style, you can take part in a game of Earthball in the field behind After Hours. Make sure you have a team put together.

A sno-pitch game is planned for Wednesday. Last year's winners, a team from the Human Relations program, will try to defend their title as reigning champs.

For those who prefer the warmer indoors, a dart tourament will be held in After Hours at 12:30 p.m.

Feeling lucky? You can try your hand at blind volleyball on Thursday, Feb. 18 in the gymnasium. A sheet will be hung over the net making it impossible to see the ball until it is above the net. It should prove to be a real challenge for all you spikers and setters out there.

It may not be the Olympics but it will be the next closest thing. The Nintendo tournament in After Hours will include triple and long jump and the 100 metre dash minus the drug testing! Teams will use a "power pad" supplied by Thomas Electronics, of Welland, and have to actually run and jump on it to compete. The event is on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

The last day of activities is not for the faint of heart. For the hardcore types there will be a polar bear dip in Lake Gibson. Prizes are to be awarded for the first person in the water and for the person who can stay in the longest. Anyone own a wetsuit? Winning a Wintercourse 1993 sweatshirt can make it all worth while.

You can also try out your singing skills at Karoake in After Hours at 1:30 p.m. Bored of singing to your shower tiles at home? Step up to the mike!

An awards ceremony will end the festivities in After Hours at 3 p.m. Five points will be awarded to the program that wins each event. One point will go to the program for every participant it has entered in an event. A $200 prize will go to the program that finishes with the most overall points.

Deloughery urges everyone to sign up in the SAC office and "have a great time."

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